



## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT (Health and Human Services Committee)**

Date: August 3, 2015

Agenda Item #: 3

Agenda Item: *Staff Presentation and possible action on health disparities and accessibility to affordable quality fresh food in the Austin/Travis County area and City Council Resolution No. 20150507-027 that directed an assessment regarding health equity.*

### **Vote**

*3-1, Council Members Houston, Tovo, and Garza vote in favor. Council Member Troxclair-against.*

**Original Sponsors/Department:** Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in Austin/Travis County Area sponsored by Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department.

Health Equity Presentation as directed by the City Council in Resolution No. 20150507-27

### **Summary of Discussion**

*Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department staff presented on racial and ethnic health disparities in Austin/Travis County area.*

*A group of community based organization, with the assistance from Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department, presented on health equity in Austin/Travis County area. They proposed several non-traditional culturally specific programs to address some of the inequities. Financial ask \$1,050,000.*

### **Public Comments**

*9 speakers signed up to speak for the item: Sara Zavaleta, Ann Teich, Monica Guzman, Christy Tashjian, La'arni Ayuma, Melissa Smith, Kelsey Bernstein, Tonya Lyles, Lisa Schergen, all in favor of the initiative.*

### **Direction**

*Recommendation to the full Council to include \$1,050,000 in the budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for these public health programs aimed at decreasing health inequities.*

### **Recommendation:**

*Motion by Council Member Garza, a recommendation to the full Council to include \$1,050,000 in the budget discussion to identify possible sources of funding for these programs. Seconded by Council Member Tovo, motion carries 3-1 with Council Member Troxclair opposed.*